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1. OLIVER IS CORRECT. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SAME ACCOMMODATIONS AS ACYPL GROUP (INTOURIST ACCOMMODATIONS NOT ALWAYS USED) AND BECAUSE OF EASE OF BOOKING TRAVEL ON SAME MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION, CYO HAS MADE ALL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMBOFF EXCORT SINCE AT LEAST NOVEMBER 1973. THIS HAS BEEN DONE AT CYO SUGGESTION. EMBOFFS ACTING AS ESCORT OFFICERS HAVE ALWAYS MADE CLEAR TO CYO THAT THEY WERE NOT MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AND THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE GLAD TO PAY ALL COSTS OF EMBOFFS' TRAVEL. CYO HAS NEVER SENT BILL, HOWEVER.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THIS, CYO FILIPPOV SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN "UNPLEASANTNESS" AFTER PAST TRIPS (I.E., BEFORE ACYPL TRIP OF NOVEMBER 1973) ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING EMBASSY COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIGH COSTS INVOLVED (APPARENTLY WELL ABOVE APPROVED PER DIEM RATES). CYO THEREFORE DECIDED TO PAY EMBOFFS' COSTS WITHOUT ASKING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM EMBASSY, ACCORDING TO FILIPPOV. SINCE PRESENT EMBOFFS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ACYPL TRIPS ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF FACTS RE PAST PROBLEMS, SUGGEST CU GET IN TOUCH WITH ROBIN PORTER (INR/RES/SOV)

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WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND.

3. WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS UNDER THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE
AGREEMENT, EMBOFFS PAY OWN EXPENSES, ALTHOUGH ARRANGEMENTS
MADE BY HOSTS. FOR TOURING CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS,
CONTRACT PROVIDES THAT HOST PAYS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION
EXPENSES FOR EMBASSY AND STATE DEPARTMENT ESCORT OFFICERS.
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